<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   An apparatus for time scaling a signal comprising:

        means for receiving ~~(501)~~ an input signal comprising a first signal and extension data<u> associated with the first signal</u>;

        means for generating ~~(503, 505)~~ a time scaled signal of the first signal;

        means for generating ~~(507)~~ a plurality of frequency sample blocks for the time scaled signal, each frequency sample block corresponding to a fixed time interval of the time scaled signal, the fixed time interval being independent of a time scaling factor;

        means for determining a first ~~time~~ <u>time-</u>association ~~(515)~~ between a first parameter value of the extension data and a first frequency sample block having an associated first time interval of the time scaled signal;

        means for determining ~~(515)~~ a second parameter value associated with a second frequency sample block in response to the first ~~time~~ <u>time-</u>association and the first parameter value;

        means for modifying data ~~(509)~~ of the second frequency sample block in response to the second parameter value; and

        means for generating time domain output sample blocks ~~(511, 513)~~ from the frequency sample blocks.

2.   ~~An~~ <u>The</u> apparatus as claimed in claim 1<u>,</u> wherein the means for determining the first ~~time~~ <u>time-</u>association ~~(515)~~ is operable

to determine the first frequency sample block as that having an associated time interval corresponding to a time instant associated with the first parameter value.

3.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first ~~time~~ time-association comprises an indication of a time position of the parameter value within the first time interval.

4.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

_____means for determining ~~(515)~~ a second time association between a third parameter value of the extension data and a third frequency sample block~~;~~,

_____and wherein the means for determining the second parameter value ~~(515)~~ is operable to perform an interpolation in response to the first parameter value, the first time association, the third parameter value and the second time association.

5.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the interpolation is a linear interpolation.

6.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for determining the first ~~time~~ time-association ~~(515)~~ is operable to determine the first ~~time~~ time-association in response to a previous time association.

7.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
apparatus further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

_____means for determining ~~(515)~~ a scaled time offset between
consecutive parameter values of the extension data,

_____and wherein the means for determining the first ~~time~~ time-
association ~~(515)~~ is operable to determine a time instant of the
first parameter value in response to a previous parameter value and
the scaled time offset and to generate the time association in
response to the time instant.

8.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the means
for determining the second parameter value ~~(515)~~ is operable to
associate the first parameter value with a nominal time position
within the first time interval in response to the time association,
and to determine the second parameter value in response to the
first parameter value and the nominal time position.

9.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means
for determining the second parameter value ~~(515)~~ is operable to
determine the second parameter value in response to an
interpolation in response to the first parameter value and the
nominal time position.

10.   ~~An~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input
signal is a parametric encoded audio signal.

11.   An The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for generating the frequency sample blocks (507) comprise comprises complex-exponential modulated filter banks.

12.   An The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extension data comprises parametric stereo data.

13.   An The apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first parameter value is a parameter value of a stereo image parameter selected from the group consisting of:

a.   Inter-channel Intensity Differences parameters;

b.   Inter-channel Time or Phase differences parameters; and

c.   Inter-Channel Coherence parameters.

14.   An The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for modifying (509) is operable to modify the data of the second frequency sample block to generate at least a first stereo channel frequency sample block.

15.   A method of time scaling a signal, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an input signal comprising a first signal and extension data associated with the first signal;

generating a time scaled signal of the first signal;

means for generating a frequency sample blocks for the time scaled signal, each frequency sample block corresponding to a

fixed time interval of the time scaled signal, the fixed time interval being independent of ~~the~~ a time scaling factor;

determining a first ~~time~~ time- association between a first parameter value of the extension data and a first frequency sample block having an associated first time interval of the time scaled signal;

determining a second parameter value associated with a second frequency sample block in response to the first ~~time~~ time- association and the first parameter value;

modifying data of the second frequency sample block in response to the second parameter value; and

generating time domain output sample blocks from the frequency sample blocks.

16.   A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon a computer program enabling ~~the carrying out of a~~ a processor to carry out the method ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 15.

17.   (Cancelled).